



Environmental Justice Opportunity 2020 – Raleigh, NC

ABOUT OUR AGENCY

The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the lead stewardship agency for the protection of North Carolina's environmental resources.

The organization, administers regulatory programs designed to protect air quality, water quality, and the public's health, and also works to advance an all-of-the-above energy strategy that fits North Carolina's needs. DEQ also offers technical assistance to businesses, farmers, local governments, and the public and encourages responsible behavior with respect to the environment through education programs provided at DEQ facilities and through the state's school system.

As new technologies, processes or industry operations are proposed to be implemented in North Carolina, DEQ regulatory agencies may be requested to examine the collective impact of such projects on the environment and surrounding communities.

ABOUT THE POSITION

The selected candidate will report to Jennifer Mundt, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Governmental Affairs and Policy.

In this role, the candidate will have the opportunity to gain professional experience in the program areas of environmental justice (EJ); federal-state energy policies and programs (offshore renewable energy, offshore oil and gas, and interstate pipelines); and implementation and coordination of legislative directives and proposals.

Read more about our agency here: <https://deq.nc.gov/>

The program will run approximately 10 weeks starting on or around May 18, 2020 with the potential to extend through the fall semester part-time.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Assist in carrying out duties of the EJ program and integration of the program agency-wide
- Research and participate in activities related to offshore renewable energy development
- Provide technical support related to the evaluation and development of wind permitting and regulatory framework
- Support the work of the Secretary's Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board and the Oil and Gas Commission, including attending and preparing materials for scheduled quarterly meetings

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old by January 1, 2020
- 2.0 Major GPA
- Must have completed first year of Master's Program (Graduate Student), or rising senior (undergraduate) | Graduation Date December or May 2020
- Desired Majors: Energy Policy/ Energy Science, Environmental Policy/ Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering

MANAGEMENT DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work with colleagues and stakeholders at all levels
- Collaborative team member who exhibits initiative and is self-directed
- Independent thinker and problem solver

MANAGEMENT PREFERENCES:

- Background or knowledge of: Environmental justice and equity principles, wind energy policy, renewable energy project decommissioning, stakeholdering and community engagement
- A general knowledge of Department of Environmental Quality and the duties and responsibility of our agency, generally
- Experience with GIS software and applications

SPECIAL NOTES

- Housing allowance is not provided
- Travel may be required
- Summer hourly rate is up to \$15.00
- Pay is bi-weekly
- Summer opportunity will be approximately 10 weeks, working up to 40 hours each week

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Send resume and cover letter to DEQInternships@ncdenr.gov with **Subject Line: STEP Environmental Justice Application.**

Application deadline of 3/31/2020 *(or may remain open until we have suitable applicant pool)*

IMPORTANT DATES

3/31/20– Application Deadline

4/13/20 – 4/21/20 Interviews (schedules permitting)

5/18/20 – 7/24/20 STEP Assignment Dates (approximate start/ end dates, flexible)

QUESTIONS? Please contact NC Department of Environmental Quality, HR
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